

Receive ye the Holy Ghost (II)

John 20: 22

John 20:22

Holy Spirit: A real person.

I. Who is Holy Spirit?

A. Person.

B. God.

II. Purpose?

A. Reminds: John 14:26

B. Testifies of Christ John 15:26

C. Glorifies Christ. John 16:14

D. Convicts. Of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:7-11

II. How work?

A. Past: Pre-Salvation.

1. Draws.

2. Illumines

B. Present--Salvation

1. Opens Heart. Acts 16:14

2. Gives faith. Rom 12:3 Gal 5:22 Jude 1:19

3. Confirms. Rom 8:16 1 Jn. 3:24

4. Regenerates Titus 3:5 2 Cor 5:17

Given new capacity to please God. 1 John 2:29 1 John 3:9 1 John 4:7 1 John 5:1

5. Indwells 1 Corinthians 3:16 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Romans 8:9

6. Baptizes 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 4:5 Rom 8:1

7. Seals 2 Cor 1:22 Eph 1:13

III. How does He work?

C. Post Salvation—Relationship

1. Don't Grieve Holy Spirit Ephesians 4:30

2. Don't Quench Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19

3. Be Filled by Holy Spirit.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, ...

Drunk: intoxicated, under the control of

Wine: alcoholic beverage.

Wherein is excess: led to do riotous things.

But be filled with the Spirit: Be under the control of; the dominion of,

Command, not option.

Continuous action.

THEODORE EPP: *To be under the control of the Spirit of God does not mean a spasmodic filling, for example, for a preacher when he has to bring a message, or a Sunday school teacher who has to teach a class. This is not filling for some particular great event, but a moment-by-moment control by the Spirit of God. There is no victory possible in our lives unless the Spirit of God is given first place in our hearts.*

Filled: passive verb

Not have to do with quantity or contents.

Must allow Holy Spirit to have complete control

Filled with Spirit? Constantly controlled by Holy Spirit in mind, will and emotions.

Filled

1. Wind in sails. 2 Pet 1:21
2. Permeation. Holy Spirit so permeates lives and being that thoughts, words and actions demonstrate His presence and will.
3. Total control.

Results of filling?

Spiritual Growth—progressive sanctification Gal. 5:22-23;

Walvoord: *The all-important fact is that true Christian character cannot be produced apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. The appeal of the Scriptures, accordingly, is for right adjustment to the Spirit of God first, with the promise that through the filling of the Spirit the longings of the new nature for a holy life in the will of God may be satisfied.*

Effective teaching Jn 16:12-15

- Guidance Rom 12:1-2; Rom. 8:14
Gen 24:27 ... *I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.*
- Assurance Rom 8:16 Gal 4:6; 1 Jn 3:24; 4:13
WALVOORD: *It is one of the penalties of carnality and sin in the Christian's life that many lose the blessing of assurance and are robbed temporarily at least of this blessing.*
- Effective Worship Eph. 5:18-21
- Effective Prayer Rom 8:26-27
- Effective Service John 7:38-39

IV. Manifestations of Spirit-controlled life:

1. Singing Heart

Eph 5:19 *Speaking*: Sound that comes as result of heart submissive to Spirit

Spirit-filled Christian--singing Christian.

MACARTHUR: *When missionaries began evangelistic work among an Indian tribe I visited high in the Andes of Ecuador, they were frustrated for many years by lack of results. Suddenly the Spirit of God began to move and a large number of Indians were converted within a short time. In addition to a hunger for God's Word, one of the first evidences of their new life in Christ was a great desire to sing His praises. I listened as they stood for hours in their thatched-roof church and sang hymn after hymn. The song from their hearts was the most inescapable characteristic that set those believers apart from everyone else in their pagan village.*

...to yourselves: Among fellow Christians.

Never find in Bible--music intended to be evangelistic.

...in Psalms: OT Psalms put to music.

Vocal music of any kind---solos or anthems.

Psalmody main instrument

...and Hymns: Songs of praise which exalted God.

Singing With voice. In NT always used in praising God.

And making melody in your heart to the Lord. To pluck on stringed instrument.

...in your heart to the Lord. ...originates in heart.

2. A Grateful Spirit

Eph 5:20 One of manifestations of Spirit-filled Christian--thankfulness.

Psa 147:7 Isa 51:3 Psa 140:13 Psa 116:17 Col 3:15 1 Th 5:18

Why don't people give thanks to the Lord?

- Pride.

MAC: *The only person who can genuinely give **thanks for all things** is the humble person, the person who knows he deserves nothing and who therefore gives thanks even for the smallest things. Lack of thankfulness comes from pride, from the conviction that we deserve something better than we have.*

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- Selfishness.

- Ignorance.

- Disobedience.

Joni Eareckson Tada: *Giving thanks is not a matter of feeling thankful, it is a matter of obedience.*

MAC: ... to thank God while we are in the midst of pain, trials, or persecution shows a level of maturity that few Christians seem to know but that our heavenly Father wants all His children to have.

For all things.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, the many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that made us! It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

-- April 30, 1863, **PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S PROCLAMATION** for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer

WILLIAM LAW, in his *Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life* writes, *Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, or justice, but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God willeth, who received everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for it.*

Eph 5:20 ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

In the realm of, because of, by the authority of. ...because of whom He is and what he has done.

3. A Submissive Life

Spirit of humility.

Submitting: to subordinate; to obey; to be under obedience (obedient; to submit self unto.

Eph 5:18 be filled with the Spirit;

Gal 5:16 ... walk in the Spirit,

RYRIE: *take each step of the Christian life in dependence on the Spirit to have victory over the flesh and its works. flesh. The sinful nature is received at birth and never eradicated in this life. But it can be controlled by the Spirit.*

RICHARD OWEN ROBERTS: *Living one day in the Spirit is worth more than a thousand lived in the flesh.*

OSWALD CHAMBERS *The biggest blessing in your life was when you came to the end of trying to be a Christian, the end of reliance on natural devotion, and were willing to come as a pauper and receive the Holy Spirit. The great idea is not that we are at work for God, but that he is at work in us . . . that he is working out a strong family likeness to his Son in us.*

Most Christians are ignorant of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives... afraid to talk about the Holy Spirit

John 14:16

Comforter: Called alongside. Idea of comforting, exhorting, encouraging, advising, strengthening, and interceding.

John 14-16 Jesus taught disciples

1. He will indwell you (16-17)
2. He will help you to remember the events of His life (26).
3. He will reprove (convict) the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (16:7-11)
4. He will teach truth (15:26: 16:13-15).

So What?

Controlled by Spirit?

Constantly bringing the scriptures to mind?

Internal desire to speak about Jesus?

Internal motivation to glorify Christ?

Sense His Conviction--sin, righteousness and judgment?

Singing Heart?

Grateful Spirit?

Submissive Life ?